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27 JUN 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** **AFCIG-3**  
**Headquarters USAF**

**ATTENTION:** **Colonel Leo P. Geary**

**SUBJECT:** **Letters of Appreciation**

1. The attached "Letters of Appreciation" are forwarded for your use in commending the personnel and organizations of the United States Air Force and United States Navy who supported this Agency during the recent FLIP TOP operations.

2. It is suggested that the letters be forwarded, through the appropriate channels, to the following units:

<b>United States Navy:</b>	<b>Key West NAS, Florida</b> <b>(Letter #1)</b>
	<b>Guantanamo NAS, Cuba</b> <b>(Letter #1)</b>
<b>United States Air Force:</b>	<b>32nd NORAD Air Division</b> <b> Marietta, Georgia (Letter #1)</b>
25X1A	<b>Appropriate NORAD Air Division</b> <b>for [REDACTED] Control and</b>
25X1A	<b>[REDACTED] Control, Texas</b> <b>(Letter #1)</b>
	<b>B-57 Tracking Section of the</b> <b>1001st Operations Group and</b> <b>1003rd Maintenance Unit,</b> <b>Andrews AFB, Maryland</b> <b>(Letter #2)</b>

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3. Please accept my sincere appreciation for the assistance rendered by you and your staff in arranging the outstanding support given by these military organizations. Without your efforts, of course, none of the other contributions would have been possible.

**FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)**

**BY:** (Signed) Stanley W. Beerli

**STANLEY W. BEERLI**  
**Colonel USAF**

**Attachments - 2**

**Letter #1**

**Letter #2**

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**LETTER #1**

**SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation**

1. I wish to express my appreciation to you, your staff, and the personnel of your organization for their participation in the FLIP TOP project recently conducted in support of a United States Government requirement.

2. The excellent attitude and superior quality of the service your organization delivered contributed immeasurably to the success of the over-all project.

3. Comments received by the personnel who worked with and used the facilities supplied by your staff were extremely warm in their praise of the fine and professional manner displayed by these people.

4. Please convey my most sincere appreciation to all who responded so wonderfully to our request for assistance.

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**LETTER #2**

**SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation**

1. I wish to express my appreciation to you, your staff, and the personnel of your organization for their participation in the FLIP TOP project recently conducted in support of a United States Government requirement.

2. The excellent attitude, willingness to work long hours, and the superior quality of the service delivered by your personnel all contributed immeasurably to the success of the project. It is recognized that a tremendous amount of work and personal inconvenience was necessary. Without the high enthusiasm and initiative displayed by all participants, the results obtained would have been impossible.

3. Although the satisfaction of seeing the results of our labors put to their ultimate use is frequently denied, I want to assure you that you should feel a great pride in the importance of your contribution.

4. Please convey my most sincere appreciation to all who supported this operation in so fine and professional a manner. It is personally very gratifying to be associated with people who respond to a request for assistance such as you have during the period 5-30 April 1961.

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CURRENT AND PROPOSED OPERATIONS


OPERATION		AREA	DATE	APPROVAL STATUS USAF - AGENCY/STATE	
1. <u>SPECIAL PROJECTS</u>					
a. <u>CORONA</u>					
Men 9017			26-29 May	N/R	Approved
2. <u>AIR SUPPORT</u>					
a.	<div>25X1A</div>	Iran	Continuing basis	Not presented	Approved-Agency
b.		Cuba	Pending	N/R	Approved
c.		China	May 1961	N/R	Approved
d.		N. Vietnam	May 1961	N/R	Pending
e.			May 1961	N/R	Pending
* f.		Laos	Continuing basis	N/R	Approved
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3.	<div>25X1A</div>		Continuing basis	Approved	Approved

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**CONTROL CENTER**

**OPERATIONS COMPLETED DURING PERIOD 30 April-6 May**

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1. Two C-54 "black" pax flights from Puerto Rico - 30 April
  2. Two C-54 "black" pax flights from Puerto Rico - 1 May
  3. One C-54 "black" pax flight from Puerto Rico - 2 May
  4. One C-54 "black" pax flight from Guatemala - 3 May

**IDEALIST**

1. Operation FLIP TOP - Stage team and equipment returned to base - operation completed - 30 April

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1. Routine air resupply with  fixed wing and rotary aircraft - 30 April-6 May